Title: Need to review the decision of the Government to notify 1200 metre area adjoining the existing Ammunition Depot at Bhatinda- Laid.

SHRI BHAN SINGH BHAURA (BHATINDA) : Due to improper assessment and planning by the local authorities of Ammunition Depot at Bathinda a large number of resident population belonging to various colonies namely Bhai Mati Das Nagar, Nachhattar Nagar, Joga Nagar, Harbans Nagar and I.T.I. Industrial area situated on the Bathinda-Mansa Road, Bathinda are facing the danger of uprootment from their houses.

The authorities decided for the extension of existing Depot and for this they have declared 1200 metres areas from adjoining existing boundary as notified which covers all the areas of above mentioned colonies. Prior to taking these decisions, they have not consulted the local residents or they have not assessed the reality there.

These colonies are situated towards the city side. Had the authorities decided to extend the Depot on the backside of the existing site then there would have been no problem at all.

Therefore, I request the Hon'ble Defence Minister to ponder over this situation immediately and take such measures so that these thousands of residents are not rendered homeless.

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